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RE: Application No. 09/853,190

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REMARKS:

Please see attached with changes based upon the USPTO Communication of November 14, 2002. If you have any questions concerning this transmission or the application, please contact me directly at 713/942-7926.

Thank you.

Sincerely, Sofia McGuire

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REPLY TO PTO COMMUNICATION OF NOVEMBER 14, 2002
RE: APPLICATION #09/853,190

The examiner suggested in his communication of November 14, 2002, that applicant did not clearly define the device in the claims.

Applicant respectfully responds that the claims do not describe a device, but rather define a novel and unobvious method. The details are dependent on conditions, but would be known to those of ordinary skill in the art once the steps of the method are presented.

The claims are amended as follows in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121: PLEASE SEE ATTACHED.

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Remarks <i>Claims have been amended. Reply from 9/20/02 are also attached.</i>		

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